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June 2, 1927

A. H. Lloyd, Esq.,
St. John's House,
Grange Road,
Cambridge, England

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much, indeed, for your letter of May 10th and for the list of your *Metapontum* incuse pieces, which accompanied it. I am incorporating as many of these as I can positively identify and this means the greater part.

You are very kind to add the word about the interest manifested in my monograph. I should be very glad to have particulars of your double relief coins at your convenience. The same sort of a list as you have already sent would be adequate and I could then ask for casts for any uncertain or indefinite references. It would also help if you would indicate such pieces as once formed part of the collection of Sir Arthur Evans. He was good enough to permit me to examine his *Metapontum* pieces at Youghborough in 1921.

Please give my greetings to Mr. Grose when next you see him and permit me to repeat my thanks for the courtesies you have already shown me.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary

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22d November, 1927

A. H. Lloyd, Esq.,
St. John's House,
Grange Road,
Cambridge, England

My dear Mr. Lloyd:

May I again impose upon your kindness? We are preparing a monograph on the coinages of Maronea and Thasos having relation especially to the gold issues of these two cities, which, as you know, are very rare. Does the field of your collection extend to Thrace? If you have any coins of either of these two cities, exclusive of the archaic issues, would you be so good as to send either casts or impressions in sealing-wax. If the pieces have been acquired through auction sale and are illustrated, that fact would be sufficient and casts would not be necessary. There are one or two of these pieces which are very important and which have been sold and whose whereabouts we have been unable to locate, and that is my reason for writing to you.

With cordial appreciation of your courtesy on previous occasions, I am

Very sincerely yours,

6th September, 1928

A. H. Lloyd, Esq.,
Cambridge, England

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of the 19th and for the casts which came a few days later. They are very interesting indeed and I much appreciate all the trouble you have taken in my behalf. These casts have cleared up one difficulty for me but in a way that has caused me considerable chagrin. Your Nos. 404 and 1039 both come from the Ginori Collection, and either he or I mixed the casts of these two pieces, and in consequence the plate which contains the Apollo Karnes head type is incorrect. This can in some measure be remedied by a note; but it is of course better to discover it before publication than afterward. I am sorry that I did not notice the error before.

May I ask you to look at your No. 502. Your former letter shows this to weigh 7.00 grammes, which would not be unduly light, but I suspected it of being a plated piece and when I showed it to Mr. Newell he said it reminded him of a Croton piece in his collection which was plated. This is illustrated in the Percy Parron Sale (Hirsch XXX), No. 285, and by comparing it you will see that it is apparently from the same dies. The weight of this piece is given as 7.40, but another piece from the same pair of dies is in the Jameson Collection, No. 428, and this one weighs 5.72. You will see that the type imitated is your number 274. When I had accumulated these facts it occurred to me that the reverse also looked familiar, and I found that I had a cast of a piece in the Vatican Collection which I had also suspected of being plated, although I did not have its weight. Singularly enough, the Vatican piece has for its obverse the same die as your No. 1390. This is one of the most interesting combinations of plated dies that has come to my attention.

Some time in the future when you are making casts again, I should be glad to have your No. 835. From what you have written it seems probable that it is in better condition than any piece I have secured.

I hope that some day I may have the opportunity of thanking you in person for your great kindness in sending me these casts of your coins, and I beg to subscribe myself

Very sincerely yours

19th Feb., 1929

A. H. Lloyd, Esq.,
St. John's House,
73, Grange Road,
Cambridge, England

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

One of our members has been gathering material for a classification of the Euainetos decadrachms, and Mr. Newell suggests that you must have several of the varieties in your collection. Would you be so good as to list them the way you did so helpfully for me with the Metapontum pieces. If they have been reproduced, a citation of the reference is all that is necessary. If, however, you have pieces which have come from a hoard without being published, ~~we should~~ of course, be greatly indebted if we might have a cast of such.

I remain

Thanking you for your previous kindnesses,

Cordially yours,

Secretary

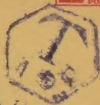
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I am seeking for a friend, who is a serious archaeologist, information about the coinage of Lysimachus. I am not aware of any general treatment since Müller (1858) and the articles which have appeared in Num. Chron and Zeit. f. Num., useful to numismatists, would not be the sort of material for my friend's purpose. Can Mr. Newell point me to anything which I (in a field alien to me) may have overlooked? I shall be grateful for a line in any case.

Is there any chance of seeing Mr. Newell or you in Cambridge this summer?

Yours very truly
A. H. Lloyd

POST CARD



S. P. Noë, Esq.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th street,
New York.

Delivered by mail
J. 163

3d June, 1929 .

A. H. Lloyd, Esq.,
St. John's House,
Cambridge, England

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

Responding to your card, Mr. Newell confirms my impression that there has been no serious treatment of Lysimachus since Müller's time. Your archaeological friend will doubtless know of the ~~Num. Zeit.~~ Münzwandel published in Zürich in 1900, although this has to do with the history of Lysimachus rather than his coinage - "Forschungen zur Geschichte des Königs Lysimachos von Thrakien". There is also an article by Bunbury in the Chronicle for 1869, pp. 1-18, and another article in the Num. Zeit. for 1911, pp. 237, by Mowat. Besides this there is a note by Imhoof-Blumer in the Corolla Num., p. 163, and the following citations in the Rev. Num., which I have not looked up and which may or may not be of importance: 1858, p. 469; 1877, p. 422 (note); 1865, p. 26; 1903, p. 6; 1900, p. 422; 1901, p. 430, 1903, p. 37. In the Zeit. f. Num. there are the following references: Vol. II, p. 5; vol. VI, p. 57; vol. VII, p. 4; vol. VIII, p. 28; vol. IV, pp. 13 and 15. In the Num. Zeit., vol. IV, pp. 222; and vol. XXIV, p. 62.

I am not at all confident that any of the above citations will prove of value. I do hope that something that may be suggestive may come from them, however. We have learned the danger of underestimating the importance of even brief articles.

Your friend may be interested in knowing that Mr. Newell is at work on a classification of the coins of Lysimachus, if you have not already informed him of this. It is too early to predict when this will be finished, but enough progress has been made to indicate that the end is not unreasonably remote.

Only within the past week has it been possible for me to resume work on Metapontum, and I am finding the casts which you sent me very helpful and, in one or two cases, very important. I have to write you about it at greater length some time during the coming months.

With cordial regards I beg to subscribe myself

1st July, 1929

A. H. Lloyd, Esq.,
St. John's House,
Grange Road, Cambridge

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

Your letter of the 14th of June is at hand and we have since received a letter from Mr. Minns. I congratulate you upon your appointment to the Honorary Keepership of the coins at the Fitzwilliam. The collection is such a splendid one that I feel sure you will be stimulated by contact with it. You are very kind to place yourself at our disposal, and we shall be glad to avail ourselves of your offer when occasion arises.

I am wondering whether you will remember a suggestion made by Mr. Hill when he reviewed the first volume of the Catalogue of the McClean coins. He called attention to the fact that an up-to-date catalogue of the Leake Collection would also be a real contribution to numismatics. Perhaps means for doing this will some day be provided, and the old catalogue of the collection superseded by a scholarly one.

With cordial wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

July 30, 1931.

A. H. Lloyd, Esq.
St. John's House
Grange Road
Cambridge, England.

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

Your kind letter regarding Metapontum Part II is at hand and I appreciate your commendation. You have been so kind in placing at my disposal the pieces of this mint in your possession and they have been so important for the study, that I know you will find several things to interest you in this material. It is too much to expect that I shall have escaped making errors - if they do not interfere with the line of argument, I shall be content.

Thank you very much indeed for the off-print of the article by Dr. Elam, of which I had heard but had not seen. You will be interested to know that we have a metallurgist who is working on the problem of plated coins in a somewhat similar way. The results obtained by him are very striking. How soon it will reach a state in which it can be published, we cannot yet say, but I am endeavoring to have the printing expedited as much as possible. Again thanking you for this and for your past kindnesses I beg to subscribe myself

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

August 6, 1931.

A. H. Lloyd, Esq.
St. John's House
Grange Road
Cambridge, England.

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

Recently I have been working on the series of tetradrachms of Metapontum and I find that my previous die comparisons need revision. I note that there is one of these pieces in the Leake Collection, although I think there are none in the collection of Mr. McClean and, as I remember it, you have not (yet?) secured a specimen. Would you be so good as to send me a cast of the Leake coin and of any other of these die-staters that may be in Cambridge? Regretting the necessity for troubling you in the matter, I am

Very cordially yours,

SN:JG

August 31, 1931.

A. H. Lloyd, Esq.
St. John's House
Grange Road
Cambridge, England.

Dear Dr. Lloyd:

Thank you very much indeed for the cast of the Leake tetradrachm with the head of Leukippos, which reached me just before the cast of your own piece was received from Mr. Robinson along with the specimen acquired by the British Museum from the Ford collection. I am much intrigued to find that there seem to be only three obverse dies of this tetradrachm, although the reverse dies are more numerous. Strangely enough there is also a plated piece of which two examples are known from the same pair of dies. The coin in your collection is among the best preserved that have come down to us. Usually they are worn or off-flan or corroded. I am very glad also to have the corrected weights. Thank you very much indeed for your kindness.

Very cordially yours,

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